

# Dances, Card Parties, Chats Help to Welcome in New Year

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"Twas just about the finest New Year's Eve party we ever enjoyed." That was a frequent comment after the gala Sportsmen's Club dance at the Riviera Beach Club last Dec. 31, where over 243 couples danced to the music of Orrin Tucker and his orchestra and saw the New Year in together.

Under the chairmanship of Al Koster, the clubhouse was brilliantly decorated, a snack buffet was set up and nonmembers and party favors were obtained in plentiful supply. Hats, horns and clackers were given to each couple as they arrived.

At midnight, the orchestra started playing a special medley of familiar New Year's tunes, while the crowd sang and cheered in 1955.

**Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle S. Anderson**, of 426 Calle de Arboles on Dec. 8, at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, was a 7 lb. 3 oz. girl, Martha Jean. The new daughter joins sisters Mary 3 1/2, and Monica 2 1/2, and brother Michael 1 1/2 years, at the Anderson home.

The Andersons, by the way, are new residents in Riviera, having moved into their Estates home just a couple of months ago. He is with Hughes Aircraft, and as a department manager supervises his wife to attend the annual management dance to be held at the Statler Hotel on Jan. 22.

**NEW NEIGHBOR DEPT.:** Step up and meet Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Norman, new residents of 224 Calle de Andaluca. They moved into their Riviera home just before Christmas, to be able to spend the holidays in their new home. Norman is with Northrup. They have two children, April 5, and Jack 7. The Normans, incidentally, staged a combination New Year's Eve and housewarming party on the evening of Dec. 31. Guests included Messrs. A. and Mmes. Anthony Rosano, Ralph Bunton and Charles Richardson and their families. They all stayed the weekend with the Normans, leaving Sunday for their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Selleck, of 185 Calle de Andaluca, saw the New Year in with neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zeltner, of 131 Calle de Andaluca, playing cards and visiting.

And over at 333 Via Pasqual, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Freeman played host for the annual neighborhood get-together for New Year's Eve. The group reported

having as much fun that they plan to make it an annual neighborhood affair. Guests at the party included Messrs. A. and Mrs. W. H. E. MacLeod, Bernard Beard, Mel French, Norman Rudolph, and Bill Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petersen, of 236 Via Pasqual, entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Greene and son Lawrence, 17, from North Hollywood, over New Year's. Mrs. Greene is Mrs. Petersen's sister, and she and her husband also attended the block party held New Year's Eve at the Rod Freeman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leslie, of 437 Calle de Arboles, played host to their entire clan at a dinner held the day after Christmas at their home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. George Knowlton and family, Mr. and Mrs. James McKay and family, Mrs. Mary Walker with her children and grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell and their family, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Wessler. Coupling all heads, 25 persons were at the dinner. A large Christmas tree placed in a corner decorated the living room, with a huge log fire burning in the fireplace.

**Annual New Year's parade** for the Hollywood Riviera Bicycle Club is scheduled Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Frances Downing, chairman of the club, reported this week. Starting point for the parade of highly decorated bicycles will be at Calle de Arboles and Via Alameda, near the barricades into Potos Verdes. The theme will be taken from the Rose Parade at Pasadena, she said, with prizes to be awarded to the boy and the girl having the best decorated bicycles and best costumes.

The next regular bicycle club meeting will be on Jan. 29 at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Downing continued, at the Riviera School grounds. The bicycle club, sponsored by the Hollywood Riviera P.T.A., was formed to teach children safe riding. New members may join at any meeting, usually held the third Saturday of each month. Parents are also invited to attend so that riding practice and tests may be given at home.

**Harry Walker III**, now with the Marine Corps as a platoon sergeant in the United States with his contingent on Dec. 29, found for his new station in Japan. He has been stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego for the past several months, where he and Mrs. Walker and their baby maintained their home. He will be overseas for about 14 months.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker Jr., of 712 Calle de Arboles, and the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scott, of 127 Via Monte de Oro. Mrs. Walker and Teri will live with the Scotts during her husband's overseas duty.

Mrs. Glen Noyes, of 330 Calle Miramar, will leave today for Okinawa to join her husband, a captain, at his Air Force duty station there.

Mrs. Noyes, who says the flight from San Francisco takes about three days, added that she and her husband will live in the regular Air Force quarters in Okinawa. She left this area Tuesday, bound for San Francisco and accompanied by Mrs. Alvin Clark, also of Hollywood Riviera.

At least three Riviera couples attended the classic Rose Bowl game last week-end, between Ohio State and USC. Former

Ohioans all, they went to cheer the eastern team to its victory.

Making a party of four, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Adkins journeyed to the Pasadena game. Also making the trip were the Lamar Bonnettes of 132 Via la Circula. With the latter were their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Donotte, his parents of Marlon, O., who have been spending the holiday season in Riviera.

**Open house for the holiday** season was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Sowie, at 237 Via los Miradores, recently when they entertained over 20 guests. It was a Christmas carol party and the guests all sang carols, accompanied by Mrs. Sowie on the electric organ. The music of the organ was piped outside the home, to fill the street with Christmas music.

Guests included Messrs. A. and Mmes. Herb Shirley, Ray Foster and Ed Kingworth, W. La C. Brecko, R. R. Hoppe, Bill Lindeman, Jack Moss and son and daughter, Marilyn and Dennis, and Bill Williams and Bill Jr. Other guests were Mrs. Myrle Parrick, Dr. John Williams and Mrs. Eulah Clyde.

A second party by the David Sovies was given at their home 237 Via los Miradores, on New Year's Eve. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Al Ottum and children Larry, Nancy and Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hoppe, and Mrs. Doris Sowie. Other guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Russ Stewart, Glenn Smith, and Earl and Greg Beam. The Earl Beam of San Lorenzo, Calif., were house guests of Greg and Judith Beam over the holidays and attended the Sowie party with them.

**Current task of Riviera Girl Scout Troop 66** is to beautify a lot located at the corner of Calle de Arboles and Via Colusa. Completion of this task will result in their being awarded the curved bar, highest rank in intermediate Scouting. The lot will be spaded and planted according to a design made by Rivieran Dick Gawne, a landscape architect. They'll plant eight everyping trees in curved fashion across the back of the lot, with a hedge and ice moss on the remainder of the lot. Jack Satterlee of Riviera is outdoor chairman of the project. Mrs. Morrison Hornbeck and Mrs. George Hummel, leader and co-leader of troop, will supervise.

Reading for their next production, "Country Girl," was held by the Hampton Players at El Retiro Park clubhouse last Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Readings are not complete, said Dorothy Tunis, secretary of the group. Anyone interested in reading or working on this production is asked to call FR 5-2371 or FR 6-4101.

There will be three major parts, Mrs. Tunis said, and five smaller roles to round out the cast; six male and two female parts. The show will be the last weekend in February and the first in March.

Rivierans working with Hampton Players include Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ferrel, of 724 Calle de Arboles, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tunis, of 412 Via Pasqual.

The party was attended by all the firm's employees and their

## Phone Chats Reach 8000 Per Minute

Chatty subscribers to Pacific Telephone Co. facilities made an average of 8000 phone calls every minute of 1954, according to Dick Pyle, local manager.

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When he left, the trio heard a crash, and went to see what had happened. The man asked them if they wanted trouble, threatened them with a gun, and drove off. The other two men were Les Lacey, of 1555 W.219th St., and James Ray Smit, of 1410 W. 218th St.

## Raymond Vanderpass Taking Combat Course

Pvt. Raymond A. Vanderpass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vanderpass of 2952 W. 174th St., is scheduled to finish four weeks of individual combat training Jan. 15 at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton.

The training is given to Marines scheduled for duty overseas, and to all graduates of recruit training before they are assigned to new duty stations.

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## Childbirth Film Planned

As an educational service of the County Health Department, the film "Labor and Childbirth" will be shown at the Torrance expectant mothers' class in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St., today at 1 p.m.

The film is a hospital preview for the prospective mother and all expectant parents are invited to the classes, according to Dr. B. A. Kogan, district health officer.

Expectant mothers' classes are conducted at the local office each Thursday, from 1 to 3 o'clock. There is no charge.

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